FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0547 Title: Eliminate state participation in WWAMI Primary Sponsor: Balyeat, J **Status:** As Introduced Sponsor signature Date Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director Date **Fiscal Summary** FY 2004 FY 2005 **Difference** Difference **Expenditures:** State Special Revenue (\$222,000)(\$217,000)**Revenue:** State Special Revenue (\$119,412) (\$124,248) **Net Impact on General Fund Balance:** \$0 \$0 Significant Local Gov. Impact \boxtimes **Technical Concerns** Included in the Executive Budget Significant Long-Term Impacts Dedicated Revenue Form Attached Needs to be included in HB 2 **Fiscal Analysis ASSUMPTIONS:** 1. This bill repeals MCA 20-26-1501, 20-26-1502 and 20-26-1503, and amends MCA 17-7-502 which would eliminate the statutory appropriation into the Montana rural physician incentive special revenue account FISCAL IMPACT: FY 2004 FY 2005 Difference Difference Expenditures: Grants (\$222,000)(\$217,000)**Funding of Expenditures:** State Special Revenue (02) (\$222,000)(\$217,000)Revenues: State Special Revenue (02) (\$119,412)(\$124,248)Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures): State Special Revenue (02) \$102,588 \$92,752

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TECHNICAL NOTES:

- 1. Although the bill has a "savings clause" related to affected rights and duties that have matured, it is unclear about two contractual issues.
 - Whether the amendment to the statutory appropriation in MCA 17-7-502 would eliminate the spending authority required to spend the current program fund balance and needed revenues necessary to meet contractual obligations for existing program participants.
 - Contractual obligations for 29 rural physicians already in the program extend through FY 2010. The bill would eliminate projected revenues necessary to fulfill contractual obligations. The rural physicians incentive state special revenue account fund balance is \$641,700 at the beginning of FY 2003.
- 2. The title of this bill is inconsistent with the actual impact since this bill does not eliminate the state's participation in the WWAMI program.